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MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 3.

## Holland and the German Fleet

Once more there is news from Holland. In the early months of the war many eyes were turned to the Netherlands as the military gate to the sea of the foe's domains. It is certain that if the Dutch army could hold their frontier for forty-eight hours reinforcements could be hurled into Holland sufficient to break into the German border, flank the armies in Flanders and Belgium, and precipitate a withdrawal of the kaiser's troops into their own territory. Essen is the heart of the kaiser's armament factories and Essen lies so near the Dutch border that an attack from that quarter would mean the necessity for instant concentration, and probably the climax of the war in the greatest battle of the campaign.

Holland is nervous about approaching events. Determined, if possible, to maintain neutrality, it will require something of a violently hostile nature to lead the little nation into war. But scarcely anything could be more violently hostile or more bitterly malignant in character than the sinking of the *Tubantia*. Germany declares of course that none of her submarines sank the *Tubantia*. The Dutchmen are aware how much weight is to be attached to such declarations.

There is no other nation, even if at war with Holland, which would attack an unarmed passenger boat and sink it without warning. Germany in doing things like this is evidently acting in scorn of consequence. All her eggs are in one basket now, and if she does not win there is but one fate for the kaiser and his advisers. They probably calculate that no matter what they do, no greater indictment can be brought against them than already exists, beginning with the Lusitania, after the horrors of Belgium.

If it be true, as Holland has reported, that the German navy is getting ready for action, we may be sure that it is from this source that Holland derives its nervousness. Holland probably fears more than anything a sudden seizure of her ports by the Germans. Germany has shown herself regardless of Dutch rights on the seas as of Belgian rights on land. It did not suit Germany to bring Holland into the war at first, but as things grow desperate there may appear to be a hope of getting something out of the navy that has been lying so long lost in the Kiel canal.

Antwerp is no use without an open outlet to the sea and Rotterdam might be seized, as the allies have seized Saloniki, and the precedent of the allies given as sufficient extenuation. Holland might do as Greece has done. On the other hand she might not. These are but speculations, but a careful watch will be kept on Holland and the German fleet for some time to come.

## Treating the Mentally Deficient

Such a splendid effort as the National Welfare Association made in the exhibition of feeble-mindedness last week, should not be allowed to pass away without some permanent result. No one who visited the exhibit could fail to be impressed, and ashamed for his citizenship, to think that such conditions existed within the walls of the city hall. There were other features of the exhibit besides the dreadful substitutes for homes that were shown which must impress every reader.

One chart displayed the number of lunatics who were at large in the city, and it was not a chart to give pleasure to anyone concerned with the welfare of the community. The imbecile and the feeble of mind were depicted on the same chart with different colored pins. The black record is one to shudder at. A chart was shown on which the four grades of mental deficiency were portrayed.

The highest grade is known as the morons. They are intelligent and sometimes mildly so, but are entirely without moral instincts or perceptions. They produce the most dangerous criminals and form a menace to society which the desire for self-protection, if no worthier motive were excited, might lead to their treatment. The high-grade imbeciles are the second class, then the second grade imbeciles, and lastly the idiots who have no sense of even self-preservation. It is not too far a parallel to note that it is to this class society itself belongs when it takes no steps to care for these dangerous elements in its constitution.

Care and training do much for all these various deficient. It is possible to detect and classify them when quite young and the ingenious physical means which are adopted to do this was one of the most interesting parts of the exhibit.

Now that the matter has been taken up and an association formed to deal with these problems it is to be hoped that the education department, or whatever department of governmental activity is supposed to deal with such matters, will take up the questions raised and seek a satisfactory solution. The city cannot fail to be interested, and it means such a saving eventually to take hold of these cases in the beginning that the sternest economist should be moved to promote the necessary expenditure. Channels for such expenditure of efficacious and fruitful character have been prepared and there is no reason why Ontario should not press forward in such work.

## Brantford's Telephone

There is some satisfaction about the prompt repudiation by Mr. Alexander Graham Bell of the Boston claim that the first telephone conversation had been held in the Bean City. Mr. Bell is loyal to Brantford, and to Canada, and the beautiful memorial which Brantford treasures of the historic achievement testifies to some extent of the esteem in which he is held in what he has called his "thinking place."

It was in Brantford the telephone was invented, the draft of the patent specification prepared, and the first transmission of the human voice over miles of wire accomplished. It has come to be the habit of speaking of the telephone as an American invention, and even in Great Britain Canada is not often given the credit.

## Unrepentant Pirates

Every fresh revelation of the depravity of German methods stirs indignation in the hearts of all who have been trained to ideas of honor and decency. The Germans interpret, literally the old saying that "All is fair in love and war." It was intended to be applied to stratagems and artifices, but the German mind does not distinguish between a stratagem and the breaking of a pledge, however solemn, nor however hedged about with the sanctity of reciprocal use and wont. The Germans know that no decent nation would sink a hospital ship nor scatter bombs over the residences of innocent civilians, but the Germans think this is also fair in love and war, and the murder of babes and sucklings in their estimation is perfect warfare.

There are no other nations, we trust, in existence except the Prussians and their allies who are capable of sinking a hospital ship. It cannot be said that the act was committed unintentionally or by error. No apology was made on the last occasion, and none need be expected on the present.

The man who is capable of these vile deeds will naturally have no compunction about sinking the merchant vessels of neutral nations, and lying about it when brought to book. The United States Government has never yet been able to see this fact, the plainest of all facts of which President Wilson is in search. He continues to seek evidence as to whether there were Americans on board and as to whether a torpedo torpedoed the vessels that are sunk or whether the torpedoes were fired by a submarine or by a destroyer.

These details may be interesting, but they are all subordinate to the main fact, which is that Germany has shown herself to be unscrupulous about committing any deed which she thinks will help her in warfare, or contribute to the terrorizing of the rest of the world. The only nation or ruler who appears to be terrorized so far is President Wilson. He continues to accept each fresh asseveration of the German Government as the kaiser and his crew were animated by the most exalted sentiments, and the soul of honor dwelt among them. No honor nor faith nor humanity is to be expected from these hungry and disappointed wolves on the war path, and President Wilson will find, perhaps too late, that judgment is more than evidence and, justice greater than mercy in dealing with the unrepentant pirates who broke the peace of Europe and ravished the lesser nations around them to gratify their own ambition.

## THOSE A. AND R. BUTTONS.

Editor World: I read in your paper three weeks ago that Capt. Christie of the Toronto Recruiting Depot had authorized a button for the unit, with the letters A. and R., which meant applied and rejected. I would like to know where to get one of those buttons, as my two rejected papers are wearing out sewing them to recruiting officers. Trusting this will catch the eye of someone who can inform me.

One of the A. and R.'s.

## NEXT BRITISH MAIL

The next British and foreign mail will be closed at the General Postoffice at 6 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. Tuesday, March 4.

## TRYING TO CARRY WATER ON BOTH SHOULDERS



## FOE EMPLOYED FRESH TROOPS TO TAKE VAUX

Four German Brigades Able to Capture Only One Small Village.

**HOUSES DEMOLISHED**  
Position Made Untenable by Bomb Attack and French Withdraw.

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French stuck stubbornly to their posts, which they held only step by step and inflicted severe losses on the attacking force. With the houses demolished by grenades and shells there remained no reason for maintaining the position, and the French were ordered to retire. The detachment, still maintained a gallant fight as it went back slowly and in good order, a curtain of French fire keeping the Germans from pursuing.

**Foe Stopped Short.**  
After this partial success the Germans tried to overwhelm the French position around Douaumont. About 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon they endeavored to advance along a road bordering a ravine and running up toward the hamlet of Callette, near Fort Douaumont. Again it was a fresh division, the third engaged since the evening before that attacked the French lines of defence, but this time they were unable to advance at any point. The attacking column was stopped at a point where it was exposed to a raking shell fire, which decimated it. The survivors gave way to a fresh brigade, which charged courageously but without success.

The result of this attack, lasting 12 hours, by the German army, was limited to the occupation of the ruins of the Village of Vaux.

## ROBERT B. BEATTIE DIED SUDDENLY IN HOSPITAL

Belonged to Gladstone, Michigan, and Was Nephew of Mrs. Timothy Eaton.

Robert Burch Beattie, 45 years of age, died suddenly in the Toronto General Hospital yesterday morning. Mr. Beattie, who was a nephew of Mrs. Timothy Eaton, was born in St. Mary's, and when 14 years of age moved with his parents to Gladstone, Michigan, which he made his home until August last year, when he came to Toronto and accepted a position with the T. Eaton Co. His father is at present prominently identified with the Pioneer Coal Co. of Gladstone.

He was married and lived with his wife at the Russell House, Yonge street.

After service in the S. W. Matthews funeral chapel, Spadina avenue, at 7.30 p.m. this evening, the body will be taken to Gladstone for burial by the 9.40 C. P. train.

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## BIG JAPANESE LINER AT MERCY OF WAVES

Crew Have Abandoned Chiyo Maru Off the Lema Islands.

HONGKONG, April 2.—Stranded in a storm off the Lema Islands, 20 miles south of Hongkong, the Japanese steamship *Chiyo Maru*, whose 229 passengers, mostly Americans, were rescued by a British warship, is now believed to be abandoned by her crew.

A message sent by wireless telegraph from the *Chiyo Maru* last night, announcing that he was leaving the ship. He said a heavy southeast sea was running and that his vessel was slipping on the rocks.

At dawn today a wireless message was received from a torpedo boat destroyer, saying that the position of the Japanese steamer was unchanged, that the vessel did not reply to signals, and that it was presumed the crew had been landed on the Lema Islands, a group off the entrance to the Canton River.

An easterly gale is blowing and a high sea is running.

The *Chiyo Maru* left San Francisco March 2, bound for ports in Japan, the Philippines and China.

## ROBERT CALHOUN DEAD.

He Was Long Identified With Tottenham's Municipal Affairs.

Special to The Toronto World.  
TOTTENHAM, Ont., April 2.—Robert Calhoun, one of the best known men in this locality, died this morning at his home near Rich Hill. He was in his eighty-second year, and was born at York Mills. When a young man he worked as a carpenter in Toronto, then Little York. Coming to the Township of Tecumseh he engaged in farming and at the time of his death was accounted one of the wealthiest men in the county. He was a member of the township council for 25 years, and held the office of reeve for 16 years. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Legate of Tecumseh; Mrs. Galbraith and Mrs. Tupling of Tecumseh; and three sons, William of Tecumseh; Charles of Toronto; and Fred who went overseas with the 15th Battalion, Nelson County, M.L.A. Prince Edward County, was the principal speaker.

## A FRIEND'S BATTALION.

The campaigning in wards one and six for recruits for the 204th Battalion is progressing so favorably that the battalion is now announcing a special company from each of the extreme ends of the city. Men joining either of these companies will be assured a chance to go into the battalion with their friends and will be kept there.

## FRONTENAC LIBERALS MEET.

Special to The Toronto World.  
KINGSTON, April 2.—At the annual meeting of the Frontenac Liberal Association, James Halliday, reeve of Portsmouth, warden of Frontenac County, was chosen president, elected president, succeeding Lt. Col. Frederick Ferguson, who is going overseas with the 15th Battalion. Nelson County, M.L.A. Prince Edward County, was the principal speaker.

## LARGE CITY IN CHINA HAS REPUDIATED YUAN

Officials at Amoy Ask That U. S. Warship Be Sent to Port.

AMOI, April 2.—Changchow, one of the largest cities of China, has repudiated the independence of the government of Yuan Shi Kai.

The officials at Amoy have sent a request to the American consul, asking that an American warship be sent to this port.

Changchow is a city of about 900,000 inhabitants in Fokien Province, 24 miles northwest of Amoy, which is its port. It is a seat of the silk manufacture, and has extensive iron works in connection with the neighboring mines.

## UNEASINESS REPORTED PREVAILS IN HOLLAND

Dutch Military and Naval Authorities Taking Various Precautions, Tho Trouble Pending.

LONDON, April 1.—Private despatches received in Copenhagen from Rotterdam, and wireless messages from German sources say that considerable uneasiness prevails in Holland and that the Dutch military and naval authorities are taking various precautions. All leaves for naval and military officers have been cancelled.

The despatches do not disclose the cause of the feeling of insecurity, but it is presumably connected with the sinking of Dutch steamships and the consequent interference with trade between Holland and her colonies.

Telegraphic communication between England and Holland is still interrupted. Delayed despatches received here yesterday came by mail. Several days may elapse before wire communication is restored.

## "BUFFS" GET RECRUITS AT SUNDAY'S MEETING

Lt. Col. John Cooper Spoke to Large Gathering at Hippodrome Theatre.

## MADE STRONG APPEAL

Gry for Men Will Continue Until Canada's Five Hundred Thousand Have Been Raised.

Yesterday was the "Buffs" day at the Hippodrome Theatre, and recruits secured after the meetings were signed up for service in the 18th Battalion. After Lt. Col. John Cooper, commanding officer, made an appeal, he was followed by Lt. Col. Pratt, M.L.A., who is forming the Simcoe County Battalion, but who appealed for volunteers on behalf of the 18th.

Col. Pratt stated that last week a new kind of recruiting meeting was held in Simcoe. The meeting, he said, was for women only, and when they were gathered in the hall where the meeting was held some real plain facts about the war were told them. The speakers also made it clear to the audience why their sons and husbands should be in khaki.

"When I was coming down on the car today I noticed six young men, all of whom looked to be fit for service, sitting opposite me. I could hardly keep from telling them they had at least a poor heart," continued the speaker.

"I want to tell you young men that the men in uniform are not the only ones who look at you and wonder why you have not enlisted. Your sweetheart when she is sitting alone, and your mother when she is wondering why you are in civilian clothes, just as well as everybody else."

Lt. Col. J. Cooper declared that patriotic appeals are beginning to get old in this city, but still officers of the different units being formed were still sounding the message from the King.

"Great Britain wants to be furnished with 5,000,000 men and Canada is to raise 500,000 of this number. There has to be enough men in the army to hold the front trenches and others to come from behind and take the enemy trenches. There must be enough men after the war to demand our terms of settlement," he went on. "The terms will be made by the greatest arbitration board that has ever sat in this world and peace will be enforced for 100 years."

## GUARDED AGAINST SUBS.

French Steamer Vulcan Carried Three-Inch Gun on Her After-Deck.

NEW YORK, April 1.—The French steamer *Vulcan*, with a three-inch gun mounted on her after-deck, arrived here today from La Palice. The gun was carried, her officers said, for defence against submarines.

The *Vulcan* is a freighter and is the first armed ship, other than Italian passenger liners, to arrive here recently.

## ARE YOU GOING TO EUROPE?

If you are contemplating a trip across the Atlantic, you will get all the necessary information on ocean travel by visiting the office of A. F. Webster & Son, 53 Yonge street, the oldest established steamship agency in Canada.



LILLIAN WALKER in "Green Stockings" at the Strand this week.

## Laid Cornerstone of Army Training College

Impressive Ceremony Performed at Dayville by Commissioner Richards.

## LARGEST IN CANADA

Three-Storey Structure, and Will Cost Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Commissioner W. J. Richards of the Salvation Army Saturday afternoon laid the cornerstone of the William Booth Memorial Training College on Davison avenue, which, when completed, will be the largest training institution belonging to the army in Canada. A large crowd of Salvationists and friends had gathered before three o'clock when the ceremony was timed to take place, and a number of life saving scouts and girl guards.

With simple ceremony Brigadier Miller, who is the architect of the building, presented the trowel to Commissioner Richards and after the singing of a well-known hymn the latter made a brief address, taking for his text, "What Mean Ye by These Stones?" He first declared that the stones were evidence of the generosity of the public of Toronto. Dealing with the work for which the building is intended he made special reference to the foreign missions and what the army was accomplishing in this connection. He said that from the college great-hearted men and women would go out into all parts of the world teaching the gospel. People would also be trained to go out into the world to help in the abolition of the social evil. The commissioner said that all the maternity homes, rescue homes and leagues of mercy throughout the city will depend on the college for their various officers.

The institution will stand for the advancement and betterment of Sabbath schools," he said. "All those who receive tuition here will be taught the care of children is a sacred responsibility. The place will also stand for the total abolition of the liquor traffic, for it is well known that the Salvation Army is the greatest temperance organization in the world."

The building will be a three storey structure of brick and stone, and will be erected at an estimated cost of \$150,000. The site comprises eight and a half acres and was purchased for \$50,000 with a frontage of 1200 feet on Davison avenue.

The building will include 100 sleeping rooms, 6 class rooms, 2 libraries, 2 dining rooms and a large assembly hall. In the front the reception hall and offices will be situated. It is expected that the building will be completed in October when Brigadier Bell will take charge.

The house, which was formerly the residence of a prominent citizen, and which stands at the side of the college will be redecorated and used as the principal residence.

## PREPAREDNESS PARADE THROUGHT UNITED STATES

Business Men Representing All Trades and Industries Will March May 13.

NEW YORK, April 1.—Business men representing all trades and industries will march here on May 13 in favor of national preparedness, it was announced today by an organization formed by prominent citizens and endorsed by the National Security League.

The organization is known as the citizens preparedness parade, and plans to extend the movement to all large cities with the idea of having simultaneous parades throughout the country. According to the announcement the parade will be a non-partisan affair.

## FIVE SMALL CHILDREN WERE VICTIMS OF FIRE

SCRANTON, Pa., April 1.—Five children were burned to death early today by a fire that broke out in the home of Patrick Marion, in this city. The children ranged from 13 months to 10 years of age.

The mother was seriously injured in leaping from a window with the burned body of the infant in her arms, and her husband and a boarder were also hurt.

## CHINESE GOVERNMENT LOAN.

NEW YORK, April 1.—The loan to be placed in this country by the Chinese Government, which probably amount to \$5,000,000 and the proceeds will be used in the purchase here of supplies, it was understood in banking circles today.

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